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ANNUAL REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health of the Bakewell Urban  
District for 1925.



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estimated to middle of 1925 is 2960

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12 years ago these were scarified and this operation led to an improvement in the quality delivered.

One reservoir on higher ground supplies water to the upper part of the town solely.

Sewerage. A sewer to drain the Baslow Road District has been provided and the houses there are being connected up.

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(ii) All the new houses have W.C's.

Only one privy has been converted.

About 230 privies and 55 pailclosets still remain, the rest of the houses (364) have W.C's.

The change to the water carriage system where possible, should be accelerated.

The market has been extended, and in connection therewith, New Public Lavatories have been erected which is a great boon from a health point of view.

Steps to be taken to prevent pollution of the river by sewage are under consideration but as the sewage is much diluted by underground springs before its final discharge its effect on the rapidly flowing stream is not very evident in the specimens of river-water taken a short distance below the outfall as examined by the County Analyst.







The scavenging has been done by the Councils servants fairly satisfactorily at a cost of about £540.

14 Portable ashbins have been added to the number previously in use.

#### Inspection of the area.

The report of the Sanitary Inspector does not give a complete list of the inspections made, as the present Inspector was only responsible for a short period of the year and all the details of his predecessors work are not available.

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Toward the end of the year cases of measles began to appear at both Elementary Schools among the Infants, but it did not become epidemic until after the period under review. No school closure was needful.

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1.25 "	Heart disease

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April 14th 1928.



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May 31st, 1926.

The Secretary,

The Ministry of Health,

Whitehall, S.W.1.

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I have the honour to be, Sir,

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(Signed) THOMAS FEHLEN.

Medical Officer of Health.





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